

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said base comprising a tilt stand integrally formed with ~~being formed on~~ the base and having a mounting surface tilted to mount a drum thereon, wherein the mounting surface has a shaft mounting hole which is formed to be of a size corresponding to the size of the shaft of the drum and into which [[a]]~~the~~ shaft of the drum is inserted to regulate the position of the ~~into which a shaft of the drum is inserted to regulate the position of the shaft of the drum.~~

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising at least one mounting hole formed in the mounting surface in the range of a diameter smaller than the diameter of the drum from the shaft mounting hole to mount the drum.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A base of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said base comprising[[;]]:
a tilt stand integrally formed with ~~being formed on~~ the base and having a mounting surface tilted to mount a drum thereon; and

a cut and bent portion which is formed by cutting and bending the base and which is provided to the tilt stand such as to be tilted upwards from the mounting surface to retain retains the drum mounted on the tilt stand to provisionally fix the drum.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A drum mounting unit of a magnetic recording reproducing apparatus, said drum mounting unit comprising:

a tilt stand formed on a base;
a cut and bent portion formed such as to be tilted upwards from the mounting surface on the tilt stand by cutting and bending the base; and
a retaining portion having a shape corresponding to the cut and bent portion,
wherein the drum is provisionally mounted on the tilt stand by making the retaining portion retain the cut and bent portion.

Claim 11 (Canceled).